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# DEALS AND SQUEALS

## Club Launches New Website

By Bill Vayens

On April 7th the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club launched its new website: [www.FTLBC.com](http://www.FTLBC.com).

So far the response has been very positive with over 1,000 hits in the first week and numerous words of encouragement left on the site's "Contact Us" page.

### An Enjoyable Exercise

As your new Webmaster, my purpose is to make sure your experience is as enjoyable as possible. Initially, we have carried over to the new website most of the information contained on

our previous site.

Our thanks to Rich Waugh, who graciously hosted and managed our website for quite some time on his site: [www.bridgeace.com](http://www.bridgeace.com).

### Short Downloads

Recognizing that many of you do not have high speed broadband cable access, I am trying to design the pages so that they come up as quickly as possible.

Links that might require downloading large files or pictures will be presented as an option, so that you don't find yourself waiting

for long periods on something to download that you did not expect.

### Timely News

My other goal is to make the information on the website as timely as possible. Upcoming events will be featured on the entrance homepage and will be revised as new events are announced. All game results will also be posted.

Since I also do many of the posters announcing upcoming events, I usually have advance information on what's happening and will get it posted to the new

website!

By working closely with Rhoda, your Board of Governors and their committees, I hope that you'll be able to find everything you need to know about the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club in one convenient location.

Your ideas and suggestions are encouraged. You can leave comments on the website or by sending an email to [info@ftlbc.com](mailto:info@ftlbc.com). Or say hello if you see me working on one of the Club's computers!

### Happy Surfing!



## Rhoda's Corner

By Rhoda Schreider

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It was a most wonderful sight — boxes and bags of food for the Women in Distress. Over four hundred pounds were graciously and thankfully received by that organization thanks to your donations at my joyful birthday party.

There was also money that

went for diapers and baby formula. I was so proud to be a member of this Club! You always come through for people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

On Saturday, May 1st at 5:00 PM we will begin our Kentucky Derby Party. There will be a parade of

magnificent hats during the evening. (Ladies and gentlemen, please participate.) The profits go to the local chapter of Cystic Fibrosis, a disease that afflicts children, so be generous with your contributions. \$10 pays for dinner and bridge.

Sunday, May 9th at Noon will be our annual Mother's Day Brunch.

Bloody Marys, and Mimosas will be served. \$6 for brunch. If you play with your parent or child — you play free!

We say good-bye to our "Snow Birds" and wish them a fast return. Hope we all have a healthy and happy summer. And remember to play more bridge here!!!



# Delicate Timing

By Richard Pavlicek

My wife Mabel showed me this deal from a recent on-line game. As West, she made a negative double of the 2♠ overcall to show hearts, and East shrewdly supported with three. When North tried to steal the contract at 3♠, she felt obliged to double since her side had the clear majority of high cards. I certainly agree with this decision at matchpoints, so I was unhappy to hear 3♠ was made.

3♠x by South

N-S Vul

	♠ A 6		
	♥ A 4		
	♦ 9 6 5 4 3		
	♣ J 7 6 2		
♠ Q 7 5 3		♠ 4	
♥ K 10 9 7		♥ Q 8 2	
♦ Q J 10		♦ A K 8 7 2	
♣ Q 5		♣ A 10 9 8	
	♠ K J 10 9 8 2		
	♥ J 6 5 3		
	♦ —		
	♣ K 4 3		

Lead: ♦Q

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	2 ♠
Dbl	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Mabel led the ♦Q, ruffed by South, who led a heart to the ace and ruffed another diamond. A heart was conceded to East, who returned a trump to the jack and

ace, a good play by declarer (Mabel of course did not cover). Next came a club to the king (East could not gain by hopping), then a heart ruff and a diamond ruff.

Declarer was now down to ♠K-10 alone (West had Q-7-5), so he simply exited with a club, leaving the defense helpless. East had no trump to lead, so Mabel had to ruff at trick 11. Ouch. I wonder if that saying, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned," ever considered the case of a woman employed.

*"Losing a trick at the right time is just as important as winning tricks."*

An original trump lead would seal declarer's fate, but the defense had a second opportunity as the play went. When East won the heart trick, a not-so-obvious *third* diamond would ruin declarer's timing. On the first club lead, East then can hop with the ace and lead a fourth diamond, allowing West to overruff and return a trump (or shed a club if South ruffs high or pitches).

Can declarer succeed legitimately after a diamond lead? Yes, the key play is to *duck* the first heart. This forces the defense to commit (lead trumps, diamonds or clubs) then declarer has the entries to cope. Suppose a trump is returned, won by the ace; then a club to the king; heart to the ace; diamond ruff; heart ruff; diamond ruff reaches the same ending as above.

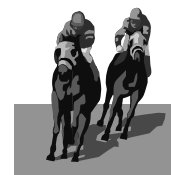
As is so often the case, timing the play is a delicate issue. Losing a trick at the right time is just as important as winning tricks.

## Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, May 1st at 5:00

Dinner & Bridge \$10;

Hats Contest; proceeds to Cystic Fibrosis



### Dates to Remember:

- Kentucky Derby Party May 1 at 5:00
- Mother's Day Brunch & Bridge May 9 at Noon
- Team of Four May 28 at 7:00
- Club Championships May 9 at 1:00; 15 at 7:00; 20 at 7:00; and 31 at 6:00

### High Scorers

Some recent high scores:

**Tom Fitzsimmons & Nella Molfetto 73%; Patrice Roy & Helene Beaulieu 71%; Joan Baker & Arlene Lanier 71%; and Ron Weissberger & Nathan Vaidhyathanathan 70%.**



**Member Close Up**

**Betty: Ballet, Business and Bridge**

By Barbara Tate Cerato

**Betty Stein** was born in England and studied ballet as a child. She had to do a lot of her early training in and out of air raid shelters during WWII.

After the war, there were no trained ballet teachers available so she joined the Sadlers Wells Opera Company as a ballerina. She eventually became a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Dancing.

One of her famous friends from that time was the famous dancer, Margot Fonteyn. Betty wanted to study jazz dancing, and at that time it was impossible in the

UK, so Betty emigrated to the United States to further her dance studies. She studied with Peter Gennaro and Chita Rivera.

She met her husband who was a Public Relations executive. Betty con-

tinued to dance and to teach dance after her marriage.

At one time she owned five dance schools in New York State. One of her more famous students was Tovah Feldshuh, who is now starring on Broadway as Golda Meir.

Betty went back to school and enrolled at Pace University in New York City, where she discovered a hitherto unknown aptitude for

successful ballet dancers are very smart." Armed with her new degree, Betty became a stockbroker, specializing in puts and call options.

She worked for some of the top brokerage houses including Merrill Lynch and Shearson.

Betty and her husband have a daughter who lives in Asheville, NC and who has provided her with two "adorable" grandchildren.

Every year the family gets together for a reunion at a different location. This year they are going to spend time in Florence and Rome.

She retired six years ago to

take care of both her ailing mother and husband.

Betty planned to spend her retirement years playing golf, but became allergic to grass. She took up bridge instead having never played any card games before.

She found the Fort Lauderdale Club very encouraging and enjoys coming to the Club several afternoons a week.

She has taken up dancing again, and dances with the Florida Follies, to benefit Children in Distress.

She still takes tap, jazz and yoga classes. Betty's mother lived to be 102 and it looks like Betty inherited her mother's good genes!

*"At one time she owned five dance schools in New York."*

*In Memoriam*

Their memory will always be with us:

- Steve Aduddell      Marvin Conover
- Al Conley              Jack Harris



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[www.FTLBC.com](http://www.FTLBC.com)



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*Mother's Day  
Brunch & Bridge*

Sunday, May 9 at Noon

Parent and "Child" play free!



TRY  
**SCRABBLE**

Thursdays at 6:15; \$3

Dinner by Alan Minton 5:30

## LOOKING AHEAD

FATHER'S DAY  
SUNDAY BRUNCH  
JUNE 20 AT NOON

CHARITY LUAU  
SATURDAY  
AUG 14



### Get Your Score!

All game results on the Web!

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*Deals and Squeals* is the monthly newsletter of the Ft. Lauderdale Bridge Club. Please let us know any announcements or suggestions!

David Pantalena, Editor

Barbara Tate Cerato, Asst. Editor

## Ft. Lauderdale Bridge Club's

### Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Instruction

**Richard Pavlicek:** Put yourself "On Top of the World" by participating in Richard's new May bidding poll. For this, and lots of other complimentary material, visit his website: [www.rpbridge.net](http://www.rpbridge.net).

**Lois Redlick (Bridge Connection):** **Beginner & Review Lessons** on Saturdays 12:30-2:45, seven lessons \$45; **Intermediate Lessons** on Saturdays 9:30-11:45, seven lessons \$45. Call Lois for complete details at 954-565-3127.

**Rich Waugh** holds supervised play Mondays 9:30-11:00; \$3/\$4 Guest. Visit Rich's website at: [www.bridgeace.com](http://www.bridgeace.com).

**Ernie Moore** gives a Basic Conventions Class Fridays 9:30-11:30; \$5.

**Alan Minton** holds supervised play for Intermediate/Advanced players Wednesdays 11:15-1:45; lesson plus prepared deals; \$10. Call Alan for complete information at 954-336-9448.

**Free Lectures:** Tuesdays 11:45-12:15 (**Rich Waugh**); and Saturdays 11:45-12:15 (**Jim Lackey**).

#### New Games:

**Twilight Bridge:** Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:00 (dinner 6:00).

**Friday Open Game:** (except fourth Friday) at 7:00 (dinner 6:00)

**Team of Four:** fourth Friday each month; May 28 at 7:00.

## May's Games & Events



**Duplicate Games:** All games are ACBL sanctioned. Fee: \$3/Member; \$4/Guest.

**Daily at 12:30 (Sundays 1:00):** Lunch served about an hour earlier; Sunday noon brunch.

**Evenings: Twilight Dinner & Bridge with Alan Minton on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays** (except fourth Friday of month) dinner at 6:00 \$4; game at 7:00 \$3 Members/\$4 Guests;

**Saturdays 7:00** (5:45 dinner only, \$5); **Sundays 6:00** (5:00 dinner and bridge \$5).

**Non-Life Masters' Games at 12:30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and Sundays at 1:00.**

**Social Bridge (Bridge Connection) at Noon: Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.**

**Kentucky Derby Party: Saturday, May 1 at 5:00; dinner and bridge \$10.** Proceeds to Cystic Fibrosis.

**Mother's Day Brunch: Sunday May 9 at Noon; \$6 brunch.** Parents with "kids" play free!

**Club Championships: May 9 at 1:00; 15th at 7:00; 20th at 7:00; and 31st at 6:00.**

**Team of Four: fourth Friday of every month; May 28 at 7:00.**

**SCRABBLE: Thursdays at 6:15; \$3 (dinner 5:30).**



Let's Play Bridge!